

**RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)
invites you to attend its meeting, on Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2014.
First Presbyterian Church, Lafayette Place, Greenwich, CT.**

ALLEN BROWN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

THE NEW NATHANIEL WITHERELL—PROJECT RENEW



The Nathaniel Witherell is a Short-term Rehab and Skilled Nursing Center owned and operated by the Town of Greenwich, located on 24 rolling acres just 2 miles from downtown Greenwich. Witherell maintains separate and distinct neighborhoods for short-term rehab, long-term care and specialized dementia care. Witherell promotes “Person Centered Care”, which means respecting residents’ desires to determine their daily routine, including timing of services, menu choices, and choosing from a calendar of events.

In November, 2005, the Witherell Board approved long range objectives and strategies to renew Witherell’s services facilities and amenities—Project Renew. Completion of Project Renew is scheduled to be completed this fall, with total construction costs projected at \$26 million. The Friends of Nathaniel Witherell have committed to raise \$7 million to assist in Project Renew; the organization has now raised \$2,750,000. Private citizens have contributed heavily to the cause, having raised more than \$4 million in donations and pledges, including a \$1 million grant from the Dalio Foundation. Public funding for Project Renew has been significant as well. An agreement with Connecticut Light and Power Co. has resulted in a \$4,490,918 contribution. The renovation project, which seeks to update the nursing home's outdated facilities and expand several key services, includes new private rooms, increased rehabilitation and public space, and new infrastructure. When complete, the project will increase the number of private rooms from 26 to 64, eliminate 10 four-bedded rooms and remodel and redecorate 86 resident rooms. Plans call for doubling the size of the rehab center, increasing the number of family reception areas, modernizing three existing elevators and adding a fourth elevator and new emergency generator, along with communications upgrades.

Mr. Brown has been the Executive Director at Witherell since 1999. Before coming to Witherell, he was Executive Director at The Smith House in Stamford. Witherell and Smith are the only two municipally owned nursing homes in the State of Connecticut. He previously held Executive Director positions in Wallingford and Stamford, was Chief of Operations at Danbury Hospital and St. Luke's Hospital in Newburgh, NY, and served as Chief Executive Officer at the APT Foundation in New Haven. He lives in Norwalk CT with his wife Susan Taylor, an executive search consultant. He has three grown-up children. He enjoys attending performances of the Greenwich and Stamford Symphonies. His wife plays the Harp, his sister-in-law is a renowned jazz performer and his son and brother-in-law are accomplished musicians. Sadly, Allen has no musical talent whatsoever.

Our business meetings begin at 10, and our speakers are scheduled for 10:30. No Charge, and No Reservations are required. For additional information, call Bernard Schneider, 203-698-2558; bgsesq@gmail.com. See our website greenwichrma.org.